

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A method for creating a workflow process management application suitable for an organization, comprising:

~~creating objects related to workflow processing management modeling said organization, said objects including at least one department; and~~

creating, on a computer system, a plurality of department objects;

creating, on said computer system, a plurality of resource objects, each resource object being associated with at least one of said department objects and a production resource of said organization;

creating, on said computer system, a plurality of activity objects, each activity object being associated with at least one of said department objects and an activity of said organization; and

~~for each department, setting relationships between the department and other objects.~~

generating, by said computer system, from a set of objects comprising said department, resource, and activity objects, a workflow process management application;

wherein said workflow process management application, when executed by said computer, permits a user to enter a workflow plan for said organization, receive a workflow performed by said organization, and create a report comparing said workflow plan with said workflow performed.

2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~

~~for each department, entering a workflow plan. wherein in said workflow process management application, said user enters a workflow plan by creating relationships between said resource and activity objects for each department.~~

3. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of activity objects comprise a plurality of fixed activity objects and variable activity objects. ~~2, further comprising:~~

~~producing a report showing the workflow plan.~~

4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

selecting from a group of templates, a selected template; and

after said selecting, automatically creating a plurality of department, resource, and activity objects associated with said selected template.

~~for each department, entering actual workflow data.~~

5. (currently amended): The method of claim 4, wherein said group of templates includes a template associated with hospital management and said plurality of department, resource, and activity objects associated with said template are respectively associated with departments, resources, and activities of a hospital. ~~further comprising:~~

~~producing a report showing the actual workflow data.~~

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating, on said computer system, a plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties;

wherein said set of objects further comprises said plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties.

~~wherein said act of creating objects includes creating objects related to one of groups, departments, locations, acuties, and activities of the organization.~~

7. (currently amended): The method of claim ~~6, 1,~~ ~~wherein said act of setting relationships sets relationships between said current department and objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.~~ wherein in said workflow process management application, said user enters a workflow plan by creating relationships between said resource objects, activity objects, and objects related to groups, locations, and acuties.

8. (currently amended): A computer readable medium, comprising:

a web based application comprising a plurality of web pages and a plurality of database tables, said web based application being executable by a computer;

wherein the computer, when executing the application, permits a user to: ~~create a workflow processing management application for an organization.~~

create, a plurality of department objects;

create a plurality of resource objects, each resource object being associated with at least one of said department objects and a production resource of said organization;

create a plurality of activity objects, each activity object being associated with at least one of said department objects and an activity of said organization; and

cause said computer to generate from a set of objects comprising said department, resource, and activity objects, a workflow process management application;

wherein said workflow process management application permits said user to enter a workflow plan for said organization, receive a workflow performed by said organization, and create a report comparing said workflow plan with said workflow performed.

9. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein in said workflow process management application, said user enters a workflow plan by creating relationships between said resource and activity objects for each department.
~~said application:~~

~~creates objects related to workflow processing management modeling said organization, said objects including at least one department; and~~

~~for each department, sets relationships between the department and other objects;~~

~~wherein said objects and relationship are stored in said plurality of database tables.~~

10. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein ~~the objects created relate to one of groups, departments, locations, acuties, and activities of the organization.~~ said application further permits said user to create a plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties, and said set of objects further comprises said plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties.

11. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein in said workflow process management application, said user enters a workflow plan by creating relationships between said resource objects, activity objects, and objects relating to groups, locations, and acuties. ~~the relationships include relationships with objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.~~

12. (currently amended): An apparatus for creating a workflow process management application (WPMA) for an organization, comprising:

a computer system, including a processor for executing code and a mass storage device;
and

an application for execution on said computer system;

wherein the computer system, when executing said application, permits a user to:

~~creates objects related to workflow processing management modeling said~~
~~organization, said objects including at least one department; and~~

~~for each department, sets relationships between the department and other~~
~~objects.~~

create a plurality of department objects;

create a plurality of resource objects, each resource object being associated with
at least one of said department objects and a production resource of said
organization;

create a plurality of activity objects, each activity object being associated with at
least one of said department objects and an activity of said organization; and

cause said computer system to generate from a set of objects comprising said
department, resource, and activity objects, said workflow process management
application;

wherein said workflow process management application permits a user to enter
a workflow plan for said organization, receive a workflow performed by said
organization, and create a report comparing said workflow plan with said
workflow performed.

13. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein in said workflow process
management application, said user enters a workflow plan by creating relationships
between said resource and activity objects for each department, the created objects

~~relate to one of groups, departments, locations, acuities, and activities of the organization.~~

14. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said plurality of activity objects comprise a plurality of fixed activity objects and variable activity objects. ~~the relationships include relationships with objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.~~

15. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a page in a user interface, said page comprising:

a logo region;

a menu region, including at least one menu item;

a navigation region; and

a context sensitive area.

16. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the objects created in said creating step are based on user events generated by a user interacting with said menu region, navigation region, and context sensitive area.

17. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein said context sensitive area includes a hierarchical control object for showing and hiding a list of hierarchical objects.

18. (original): The method of claim 17, wherein said hierarchical objects comprise at least one department of said organization.

19. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein

said application further permits said user to create a plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties,

said set of objects further comprises said plurality of objects related to groups, locations, and acuties, and

said hierarchical objects comprise at least one location of said organization.

20. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein said menu region comprise at least one of a menu item and a sub-menu.

21. (canceled):